Maryland Energy Administration (MEA)

The mission of the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) is to promote affordable, reliable, cleaner energy for the benefit of all Marylanders.
Maryland Offshore Wind Recap

  - Created a 2.5 percent carve out for offshore wind and the Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Credit (OREC).

- Maryland Wind Energy Area lease auction held in August, 2014
  - Lease OCS-A 0489 and Lease OCS-A 0490 awarded to US Wind Inc. for more than $8 million.

- OREC review process held by the Maryland Public Service Commission
Wildlife Research

In 2018, MEA provided an additional $1.4 million to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for three offshore wind wildlife impact studies.

- Marine Mammal Passive Acoustic Monitoring Study (Year 4/5),
- Influence of Turbine Construction Noise on Black Sea Bass Displacement and Physiological Condition in the MD Wind Energy Area (Year 3); and,
MEA and DNR provided joint comments to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s (BOEM) for its “Request for Feedback on BOEM’s Proposed Path Forward for Future Offshore Renewable Energy Leasing on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (83 FR 14881)”

- Department of Defense (DoD) and maritime navigation conflict areas,
- Distance and depth considerations (areas greater than 10 nautical miles from shore and areas shallower than 60 meters in depth); and,
- Multi-State Coordination.
Offshore Wind Business Development Grant Program

Provides grant funding to help offset upfront barrier costs for Market Entry Assistance and CapEx & Facilities Upgrades.

- $1.2 million available in FY 2019 budget
- Grants capped at $25,000 for Market Entry Assistance
- Grants capped at $400,000 for CapEx
- MEA has issued about $2 million in grants to date
Offshore Wind Workforce Development Grant Program

Supports new or existing training centers that provide vocational training of technical skills and safety standards utilized by the offshore wind industry.

- $800,000 available in FY 19 budget
- Grants are capped at $200,000
- MEA has issued about $1 million in grants to date
FY 2019 Grant Awards

Business Program
- Brigantine Ventures, LLC - $110,000
- Crystal Steel, Inc. - $400,000
- Industrial Indicators - $400,000

Workforce Program
- College of Southern Maryland (CSM) - $200,000
- Jane Addams Resource Corporation (JARC) – Baltimore - $200,000
Questions?

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